

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth.

This meeting was available by Conference Call due to COVID-19.

Present: Deputy Reeve Sikkenga, Councillors Bachman, Honke, Malkoske and Chief Administrative Officer Johnson.

Excused: Reeve Amerongen

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman

6/21 **WHEREAS** the agenda for this regular meeting has been reviewed by Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda shall be adopted as amended.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Reading and Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

7/21 **WHEREAS** the minutes of the budget meetings held on November 13, 2020, and January 15, 2021, and of the regular meeting on January 12, 2021, have been submitted to Council for their review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these minutes be adopted as presented.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Financial:

1. Payment of accounts

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Honke

8/21 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment: Cheque No. 22603 to 22634, Electronic Payments EFT 3442 to 3466;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$262,011.81, of which \$137,336.32 is education tax.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Malkoske

9/21 **WHEREAS** the following items has been submitted for approval of payment: Electronic Funds Transfer 3467 & 3468

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$2,333.72.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

Prior to any discussion on Resolution 9/21 Councillor Honke requested permission to be excused from all discussions. He left and did not return to the meeting until the resolution was completed.

Reports of Committees:

Verbal reports were provided by Councillors Honke on Public Works and Eastern Tourism, and Councillor Malkoske on Public Works, Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc. and Community Futures Winnipeg River.

Public Works: Update of January 25, 2021. Noted.

By-Law Officer: December 2020 Report

Communications:

1. Community Wellness re: monthly newsletters available online. Noted.
2. RCMP – area report for 3rd quarter. Noted.
3. Statistics Canada re: 2021 Census of Population – notice of employment opportunities. Council directed that this information be placed on our website.
4. Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority – appointment of Chief Executive Officer David Matear. Noted.
5. Manitoba Hydro re: notification for the Great Falls and McArthur Falls works. Council directed that this information be placed on our website.
6. North Eastman Municipal Forum – February 8, 2021 zoom meeting invite. Administration was directed to register all members of Council.
7. Manitoba Water Services Board re: five-year capital plan. Tabled.
8. New Westminster Burnaby MP Peter Julian re: Bill C-213. Noted.
9. Megan Steen – request to hook onto municipal water.
Moved by Honke and seconded by Malkoske

10/21 **WHEREAS** a request and deposit to hook onto our municipal water utility has been received from Megan Steen;
AND WHEREAS Magen Steen's property is located at 71057 Brookfield Road, described as Lot 3, Plan 4744, in NE ¼ of Section 5, Township 13, Range 11 E, Roll 150900;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this request be hereby approved;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the appropriate fees be paid in full, to the municipality for the connection, prior to the installation by the contractor.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

10. Driving Tour re: municipal contributions. It was noted that funding may be available from the Whitemouth River Valley Community Development Corporation Inc. Administration was directed to request same.
11. Xplornet – request for letter of support, universal broadband. Administration was directed to provide same.
12. Rural Municipality of Reynolds – inquiry on entrepreneur that approached Council. Noted.
13. Manitoba Disaster Management Conference – call for speakers. Councillor Bachman advised this call closes April 30, 2021.

Unfinished Business:

1. Two Rivers Drive – Council provided a written request to Minister Guillemard for update which has not been addressed. Kurtis Cline, Park Region Manager, advised he has not heard anything yet either. Response not yet received.

2. Council Members' Code of Conduct By-Law No. 709/20.

Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman

11/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No. 706/20 being a by-law to establish Council Code of Conduct, be hereby given first reading.

For: Bachman, Honke and Sikkenga Against: Malkoske

CARRIED

3. Animal Control By-Law - Tabled

4. Canada Post – closure of Elma Post Office

Moved by Honke and seconded by Bachman

12/21 **WHEREAS** the service provider for Canada Post in Elma, Manitoba, has resigned;

AND WHEREAS Canada Post is seeking another service provider with the appropriate space to locate same;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT should an alternate provider not qualify to supply this service, Council will approve "Community Mail Boxes" to be placed at a location, yet to be determined in Elma, Manitoba.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

5. Commissionaires re: By-Law Enforcement & Emergency Management Services. Tabled.

New Business:

1. Water Loss – Update noted that \$40,000.00 of unaccounted for water has been recovered to date, and that the program will resume as soon as the Covid Pandemic rules lift. Senior Utility Operator Campbell advised that actual water loss was over 30% and has now been reduced to approximately a 12% loss.

2. Councillor Honke re: request for input on Policy for accepting complaints and/or concerns. It was noted that Councillor Honke will bring this back onto our agenda at a later date.

3. Councillor Honke re: washrooms, parking, garbage etc from additional visitors due to the Covid Pandemic. Referred to our next Budget 2021 meeting.

4. Elevator Road Sewer Repair – tenders have been advertised. Noted.

5. Remuneration for the Whitemouth Fire Department and the Whitemouth Emergency Response Team personnel. Tabled.

6. Ratepayer concerns with commercial initiative on Brookfield Road. Council received four letters of concern regarding a proposed wedding venue which they had seen advertised online. Administration advised that the proposed wedding venue would be an approved land use as per our current Zoning By-Law No. 706/20. It was noted that the status of this property remained unchanged from the previous Development Plan done in 2010 or Zoning By-Law done in 2015. Administration to advise ratepayers accordingly.

7. Council Honke – request for absence.

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Malkoske

13/21 **WHEREAS** Councillor Honke has requested permission for personal reasons to be excused from meetings of Council for approximately 8 to 10 weeks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves this request.

For: All

Against: None

CARRIED

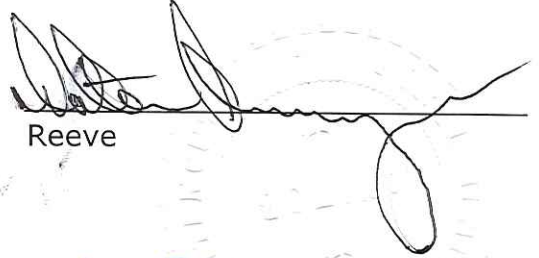
Adjournment:

Moved by Bachman and seconded by Sikkenga

14/21 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

For: All Against: None

CARRIED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Reeve", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Reeve

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Carol Olson", written over a horizontal line. The signature is in a cursive style.

Chief Administrative Officer